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16 April 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. I called to the Director's attention the recent memorandum from the White House urging all executive agencies to employ personnel who are leaving the Peace Corps and who desire to continue in Government employment. The Director said that we should very definitely continue our present policy of staying away from the ex-members of the Peace Corps and that under no circumstances should we hire any of these people.

b. I advised the Director that I thought we would eventually reach a mutually satisfactory arrangement with the Sterretts and Fallins but that I felt sure the owners of the two larger tracts of property, which we are trying to acquire, would drag out the negotiations as long as possible. It is to their advantage to do so since they have filed an application for rezoning on which action has been suspended pending the announcement regarding the Auchincloss property. I think that it is in the Government's best interests to offer these owners a reasonable period of time to negotiate and then to file a declaration of taking very soon if negotiation for acquisition is not successful. The Director approved. (Later in the morning I discussed this with Mr. Abersfeller and other General Services Administration officials. It was agreed that GSA would notify these owners that they must file a counter-proposal to the GSA offer not later than 26 April. If this offer is unacceptable and GSA is unable to acquire the property through negotiation, they will file a declaration of taking. GSA anticipated that such declaration would be filed on or about 15 May. In connection with the Sterrett and Fallin properties, GSA felt that we would be paying dearly for a right of first refusal and suggested that in the light of all the protests we advise the owners that we will postpone indefinitely any further consideration of this matter. They pointed out that, so long as we do not object to the present occupants, we have no problem and that if they put their properties up for sale we could condemn them and accomplish our purpose. I think this is a good suggestion and have undertaken to obtain Mr. McCone's approval and advise GSA as soon as possible.)

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c. The Director said that Mr. Gilpatric would be leaving the Defense Department soon, and he wanted to tidy up all of the CIA-DOD problems by 17 May. (I have asked DD/S Office Heads for a list of any problems which should be put on the McCone-Gilpatric agenda.)

2. At the Senior Staff Meeting this morning:

a. I announced that the recent Civil Service Commission action on summer employment would not effect the Agency's program.

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c. I discussed the employment of ex-members of the Peace Corps, and General Carter requested that we get in touch with the Peace Corps, explain to them the reasons why we took this attitude, and ask them not to send people to us for consideration. (I have asked Emmett Echols to do this and also to explain our position to appropriate officials of the Civil Service Commission.)

d. Emmett Echols gave a report on the results of our National Health Agencies and Crusade for Freedom drives. The Agency did better in both than it has ever done before. General Carter is still not satisfied with this and doesn't understand why we did not have 100 per cent participation.

e. General Carter announced that he had noted that personnel nominated to attend inter-departmental seminars appeared to be getting lower and lower in age and grade. He emphasized that General officers from the military services were attending the seminars and directed that we assure that our senior people participated.

f. No other items of particular interest to the DD/S were on the Senior Staff Meeting agenda.

3. Matt Baird and I met with Mr. Kirkpatrick and John Bross to discuss financing of the Mid-Career Training Program. While the immediate question

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was assurance that we would have \$60,000 to pay to the [REDACTED] for their participation in the course, Matt and I pointed out that the total cost of the three six-week courses to be run in Fiscal Year 1964 would be somewhere between \$100,000 and \$140,000. I said that I was unable and unwilling to take all of this out of the DD/S budget and felt that some other arrangement should be made. Mr. Bross said that if the Agency had decided that it wanted to support this program and that it was a high priority item, he would merely include it along with another of the over-ceiling items and that the money would, of course, be forthcoming from somewhere. Mr. Kirkpatrick assured John Bross that the Agency wished to sponsor this fully, and we were authorized to make the \$60,000 commitment [REDACTED]

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4. John Tietjen was in to discuss with me another phase of his continuing battle with [REDACTED]. This had to do with a paragraph [REDACTED] wanted to add to a dispatch on administering drugs which John is going to send to Ken [REDACTED]. I agreed with John that this paragraph would serve no useful purpose except to further confuse the issue and told him he should not concur in it.

5. I interviewed [REDACTED] who is going to [REDACTED] to be the Chief of Support. While he has had a good deal of financial experience, I doubt that he will be at all comparable to [REDACTED]. I wasn't overly impressed with him and do not think I would want to have him in the Administration Career Service if this question ever comes up.

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